Working of CPWD Enquiry Offices in Delhi

1713. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the National Productivity Council to study the performances of the Central Public Works Department; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what measures have been taken in the recent past to improve the working of the C.P.W.D. Inquiry Offices in Government colonies in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The National Productivity Council have been entrusted with the study to analyse and recommend norms for staffing and to suggest improvements to increase efficienty and productivity by introduction of modern methods, etc. in C.P.W.D.

(b) The report of the National Productivity Council is awaited.

New laws for co-operatives

1714. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact new laws to rejuvenate the cooperative movement and free it from Government control; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) 'Cooperative Societies' is a State subject and the legislative responsibility in this regard vests in the State Governments. Each State has enacted its own cooperative legislation and changes, if any, required for rejuvenation of the cooperative movement are made by them. The attention of the State Governments has also been drawn to the need for taking early action for strengthening the democratic management in cooperatives including holding of timely elections.

Power supply to steel plants

1715. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main cause for the loss of production in Bokaro, Durgapur and Alloy Steel plants is the power restrictions imposed by the DVC;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the steel plants like Durgapur function mainly on power supplied by the DVC; and

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to augment the power supply to these plants?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir, A major reason for the loss of production of saleable steel at Bokaro and Durgapur Steel Plants and of ingot steel at Alloy Steels Plant, Durgapur, in the current year has been the power restrictions imposed by Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC).

(b) and (c) It is correct that steel plants depend heavily on supply of adequate power from public utilities. Restrictions in supply dislocate their normal functioning.

The power supply position to the steel sector is under constant review at the Inter-Ministerial level. Steps have also been taken to transfer additional power from other grids to the D.V.C. to the extent possible.

The existing captive power generation is maximised whenever there is shortfall in power supply from public utilities.